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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/29/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are renumbered (1-7).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4, 5, 10, and 13-16 (renumbered as 1- 7 respectively) are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in renumbered claims 1-7:

Claim 1 recites - wherein the write protection circuit comprises:

buffer units for outputting a buffer signal that is a buffered version of a first signal of the first output signal and outputting a fixed logical value signal in response to the first output signal excluding the first signal of the first output signal output from the control signal generator; and

latch units for performing a latch process in response to the first output signal from the control signal generator and for outputting a status signal indicating a latch status thereof,

wherein the buffer units has an input terminal for receiving the status signal from the latch units, and outputs the fixed logical value signal if the status signal

indicates the latch status, or outputs the buffer signal if the status signal does not indicate the latch status

Claim 2 recites - wherein the write protection circuit comprises:

an AND gate for receiving the first output signal from the control signal generator at one of input terminals thereof;

a flip-flop, with a reset terminal and a clock terminal thereof connected to an output terminal of the AND gate, for outputting a signal having a logical signal "0" when the reset signal is received at the reset terminal and for outputting a signal having a logical signal "1" when a pulse signal is received at the clock terminal thereof; and

a buffer for outputting a logically inverted version of a signal from the flip-flop to the other of the input terminals of the AND gate,

wherein the AND gate AND gates the first output signal from the control signal generator and the logically inverted version of the signal from the flip-flop

Claim 3 recites – wherein the write protection circuit comprises:

a decoder for outputting a first selection status signal and a second selection status signal in response to the first decode signal and the second decode signal from the control signal generator, respectively;

a first AND gate for receiving the first selection status signal at one of input terminals thereof;

a second AND gate for receiving the second selection status signal at one of input terminals thereof;

a third AND gate;

a first flip-flop for latching an output signal from the first AND gate in response to the first output signal from the control signal generator and for outputting first data to the other of the input terminals of the second AND gate;

a second flip-flop for latching an output from the second AND gate in response to the first output signal from the control signal generator and for outputting second data to one of input terminals of the third AND gate; and

a buffer for outputting, to the other of the input terminals of the first AND gate, a third output signal that is a logically inverted version of the second data,

wherein the first AND gate AND gates the first election status signal and the third output signal,

wherein the second AND gate AND gates the second selection status signal and the first data,

wherein the third AND gate AND gates the second data and the first output signal, and

wherein the control circuit includes a third flip-flop that latches the second output signal from the control signal generator in response to an output signal from the third AND gate

Claim 4 recites - a second control circuit for latching a fifth output signal from the control signal generator in response to a fourth output signal from the control signal generator, and for generating a second control signal responsive to a logical value of the fifth output signal latched in the second control circuit; and an OR gate for OR gating the first control signal and the second control signal and outputting an OR gate output as an operation mode setting signal

Claim 5 recites – wherein the write protection circuit comprises:

buffer units for outputting one of the buffer signal resulting from the first output signal and the signal having the fixed logical value in response to the first output signal from the control signal generator, and latch units for latching the second output signal from the control signal generator in response to the buffer signal and outputting a logical signal responsive to the logical value of the second output signal,

wherein the buffer units receives the logical signal from the latch units, and outputs a signal with the logical value thereof fixed in response to one logical value of the logical signal while outputting the buffer signal in response to the other logical value of the logical signal

Claim 6 recites – wherein the write protection circuit comprises:

an AND gate for receiving, at one of input terminals thereof, the first output signal from the control signal generator;

a buffer for outputting a buffer signal that is an logically inverted version of the second output signal from the control signal generator; and a latch for receiving the buffer signal at a data terminal thereof, for latching the buffer signal in response to an output from the AND gate, and for generating a logical signal responsive to the logical value of the buffer signal,

wherein the AND gate AND gates the logical signal and the first output signal

Claim 7 recites - a second control circuit for latching a fifth output signal from the control signal generator in response to a fourth output signal from the control signal generator, and for generating a second control signal responsive to the logical value of the latched fifth output signal, and an OR gate for OR gating the first control signal and the second control signal and outputting an OR gate output as an operation mode setting signal.

Further, the combination of the set forth limitations with all of the other limitations in the respective independent claims (renumbered claims 1-7) are not obvious. Applicant has argued these limitations on pages 16 and 19, of Applicant's Remarks filed 10-4-2007. This limitation finds support in the specification on pages 8-11. The prior art of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the above recited combination.

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Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hyun Nam whose telephone number is (571) 270-1725. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM EST. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Henry Tsai can be reached on (571) 272-4176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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